

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the non-final Official Action mailed **September 22, 2004** (Paper No. 4). Examination of the elected claims is now respectfully requested.

In the recent Office Action, the Examiner identified two allegedly independent and distinct inventions and required an election. The claims were grouped by the Examiner as follows:

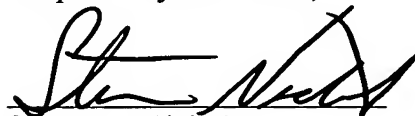
Invention I: Claims 1-22, 27-34 and 40-47

Invention II: Claims 23-26 and 35-39.

Accordingly, Applicant hereby elects Invention I: Claims 1-22, 27-34 and 40-47. Consequently, claims 23-26 and 35-39 are marked as "withdrawn" herein. Prompt examination of claims 1-22, 27-34 and 40-47 is now requested.

If any fees are owed in connection with this paper which have not been elsewhere authorized, authorization is hereby given to charge those fees to Deposit Account 18-0013 in the name of Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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